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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment of January 12, 2004, applicants request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

The Notice acknowledges that a "reply was received on <u>June 26, 2003</u>," but asserts that said reply "does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection." The Notice further states, however, that "[a] proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists...of...a timely filed Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114." That is exactly what applicants filed on June 26, 2003. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is in error and should be withdrawn.

Applicants enclose copies of the RCE and Petition for Suspension filed on June

26, 2003, a postcard receipt for a response filed on September 26, 2003, and a response filed October 14, 2003 (with postcard receipt) in the event that the Patent Office may have lost said papers.

This type of petition does not require a fee.

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER RCE

In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of October 9, 2003, applicants urge that the Notice is erroneous and request withdrawal of any holding of abandonment.

The Notice asserts that the RCE under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on June 27, 2003 is improper because it was not accompanied by a submission. However, the RCE included a proper request for suspension of action for a period of three months (copy enclosed) and a submission (copy enclosed) was filed within that period.

Applicants respectfully request early action on this response. No fee should be due.

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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time for applicants to prepare arguments and to conduct experiments to further prosecute the application.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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2. Miscellaneous		
a. X Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a		
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